

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- [43] 1. A lacrosse head comprising:
- a throat for receiving a handle;
 - a scoop distal from the throat;
 - a pair of sidewalls extending from the throat to the scoop; and
 - a ball stop adjacent the throat, the ball stop having an upper side and a lower side, the lower side proximal an area for attaching a pocket, a portion of the ball stop curving toward the throat and away from the scoop.
- [44] 2. The lacrosse head of Claim 1 wherein the entire ball stop is curved.
- [45] 3. The lacrosse head of Claim 1 wherein the ball stop has a lesser curvature approaching its connection to the sidewalls.
- [46] 4. A lacrosse head comprising:
- a throat for receiving a handle;
 - a scoop distal from the throat;
 - a pair of sidewalls extending from the throat to the scoop; and
 - a ball stop adjacent the throat, the ball stop having an upper side and a lower side, the lower side proximal an area for attaching a pocket, a portion of the ball stop curving so as to make the area of the ball stop

at the lower portion larger than the area of the ball stop at the middle portion.

- [47] 5. The lacrosse head of Claim 4 wherein the entire ball stop is curved.
- [48] 6. The lacrosse head of Claim 4 wherein the ball stop has a lesser curvature approaching its connection to the sidewalls.
- [49] 7. A lacrosse head comprising:
 - a throat for receiving a handle;
 - a scoop distal from the throat;
 - a pair of sidewalls extending from the throat to the scoop, the sidewalls having an upper portion, a middle portion, and a lower portion, a portion of the length of the sidewalls transitioning inwardly from the upper portion to the middle portion and then outwardly from the middle portion to the lower portion.
- [50] 8. The lacrosse head of Claim 7 wherein the entire length of the sidewalls are curved.
- [51] 9. The lacrosse head of Claim 7 wherein the sidewalls having varying curvature along their length.
- [52] 10. The lacrosse head of Claim 7 wherein the area at the upper portion is larger than the area at the middle portion.
- [53] 11. The lacrosse head of Claim 7 wherein the area at the lower portion is larger than the area at the middle portion.

- [54] 12. The lacrosse head of Claim 7 wherein the distance at one point along the length of the sidewalls is greater at the upper portion than at the middle portion.
- [55] 13. The lacrosse head of Claim 7 wherein the distance at one point along the length of the sidewalls is greater at the lower portion than at the middle portion.
14. The lacrosse head of Claim 7 wherein the sidewalls have an obtuse angle transitioning from the upper portion to the lower portion.
- [56] 15. A lacrosse head comprising:
a throat for receiving a handle;
a scoop distal from the throat;
a pair of sidewalls extending from the throat to the scoop, a portion of the length of the sidewalls convex inwardly.
- [57] 16. The lacrosse head of Claim 15 wherein the sidewalls are curved.
- [58] 17. The lacrosse head of Claim 15 wherein the sidewalls having varying curvature along their length.
- [59] 18. The lacrosse head of Claim 15 wherein the area at the upper portion is larger than the area at the middle portion.
- [60] 19. The lacrosse head of Claim 15 wherein the area at the lower portion is larger than the area at the middle portion.

- [61] 20. The lacrosse head of Claim 15 wherein the distance at one point along the length of the sidewalls is greater at the upper portion than at the middle portion.
- [62] 21. The lacrosse head of Claim 15 wherein the distance at one point along the length of the sidewalls is greater at the lower portion than at the middle portion.
- [63] 22. A lacrosse head comprising:
a throat for receiving a handle;
a scoop distal from the throat;
a pair of sidewalls extending from the throat to the scoop, the sidewalls have opposing upper portions and opposing lower portions separated by opposing middle portion wherein the opposing middle portions are closer together than the opposing upper portions and the opposing lower portions at a point on the sidewall.